And now Topcliffe began to question him, and as he answered, he was often interrupted so that he could seldom or never end one sentence when he did begin Then said he,[6] I am decayed in memory with long and close imprisonment, and I have been tortured ten tunes I had rather haye endured ten executions I speak not this for myself but for others , that they may not be handled so inhumanely, to drive men to desperation if it were possible *

To this Topclifie answered, * If he were racked, let me die for it[5]

* No/ quoth Southwell, * but it was as evil a torture, of late device *

[c] I did but set him against a wall,' quoth Topdiffe

To which Southwell answered,[c] Thou art a bad man '

[c] I would blow you all to dust, if I could/ said Topckffe

* What, all ? ' asked Southwell

[6] Ay, all,[3] said Topdiffe

* What, soul and body too ?' said Southwell

Hereupon Topchffe exclaimed that he found him in a corner treading upon books, and also having letters directed to him from Parsons the Jesuit, which letters Topchffe showed, but nothing was read of them, nor of other papers nor books which he poured out of a bag

The jury staying not above a quarter of an hour, returned saying * Guilty' , so he is condemned to death

2ist February NEW PLAYS AT THE ROSE

New plays by the Lord Admiral's men this month at the Rose are *The French Comedy* and *The Mack*

22nd February THE EXECUTION OF FR SOUTHWELL.

This day Southwell was haled upon a draw from Newgate, laid upon straw, to the place of execution by Tyburn, having a cord fastened about his wrists All the way he prayed, with his countenance and eyes lifted towards Heaven,

and used not any speech

When he was come to the place, as they were taking him off the draw, the minister of the Tower came to him and used these words . [f] You hold the decrees of the Council of Trent for authentical ? *